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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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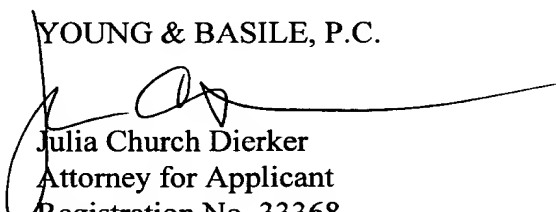
Applicant's Attorney hereby requests an extension of time until October 10, 2001 for filing a further response to the final Office Action dated April 10, 2001 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant's Attorney's check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed for the requisite fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

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